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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 27, with the following amended paragraph.

The topcoat may be cured using any suitable process (e.g., two-part curing mechanism, radiation curing, air drying, heat curing, etc.). More preferably, the topcoat is cured without the need to heat the cement substrate to a high temperature. Although heat curing is within the scope of the present invention, it is somewhat less efficient for cement-based products given their low heat transfer characteristics. Consequently, preferred processes generally require board surface temperatures that do not exceed 100 °C, and preferably temperatures of less than 100 °C, more preferably less than 80 °C, and most preferably less than 70 °C.